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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA ON
FORTHCOMING MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF OAS IN LIMA

1. MEXICAN FONSEC EMILIO O. RABASA AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAY 30 CONFIRMED THAT HE HIMSELF WILL NOT ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN LIMA ON JUNE 15, 1973, BUT THAT MEXICO'S REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE HER AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS RAFAEL DE LA COLINA.

2. IN SPEAKING ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING, RABASA SAID THAT THE OAS WILL HAVE TO BE FUNDAMENTALLY REVISED AND RESTRUCTURED AND THAT ITS BASIC PROBLEM IS THE INTERAMERICAN TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE, THE RIO TREATY OF 1947. HE ADDED THAT MEXICO'S ATTITUDE WILL BE "INTRANSIGENT AND REVOLUTIONARY" AND THAT OAS MEETINGS MUST CEASE BEING MERELY EXERCISES IN ORATORY. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE OAS MUST BE REALISTIC AND PRAGMATIC.

3. COMMENT: RABASA'S PUBLIC REMARKS WITH REGARD
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TO CHANGES IN THE OAS WERE MORE EXTREME THAN THOSE
HE MADE IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR
ON MAY 31 (SEPTTEL), IN WHICH HE DID NOT INDICATE THAT
HE EXPECTS ANY FAR- REACHING REORGANIZATION OF THE OAS
IN THE NEAR FUTURE. RABASA WAS OBVIOUSLY SPEAKING
IN PUBLIC FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN
AUDIENCE.

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